

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

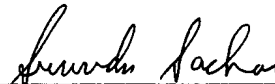
The present application is a continuation of co-pending parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/372,145, filed August 11, 1999. The present continuation application is submitted to prosecute new original Claims 1-6.

Thus, Claim 1-6 are pending in the present application, which differ from Claims 1-20 in the parent application. Support for new Claims 1-6 can be found at least in Figure 4 and in the originally filed specification at least at page 32, line 12, to page 33, line 2. It is believed no new matter is added

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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